

This environmental alert provides information about a change in environmental law or regulation that may impact your operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT #2007-0003 Environmental Protection Agency Issues Compliance Strategy for Federal Laboratories

General: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has observed a number of compliance problems at federal labs and enforcement actions were taken at several locations. In one case, a penalty of \$200,000 was assessed. In response to the increase in compliance problems at Federal Laboratories, the EPA sent a letter to the Department of Commerce announcing a new integrated compliance strategy for federal laboratories. This strategy includes compliance assistance, outreach, and training, as well as compliance monitoring, inspections and enforcement. As requested by the EPA, we are transmitting a copy of this letter to environmental professionals across the Department through this environmental alert. In addition to announcing the new compliance strategy for federal laboratories, the EPA letter offers links to information and tools that laboratories can use to prevent noncompliance.

Link to letter: http://www.osec.doc.gov/oas/environmental/EPA_Lab_Compliance.pdf

Additional Information: If you have any questions or concerns about this alert, please contact the Department Environmental Manager, Peter Wixted, at (202) 482-3444, or email at pwixted@doc.gov.